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THE STORY OF A LOVE THAT *CANNOT* END!

"MY DEARLY BELOVED!"

MY HEART WILL NEVER FORGET:

"THE "NIGHT WE KISSED!"

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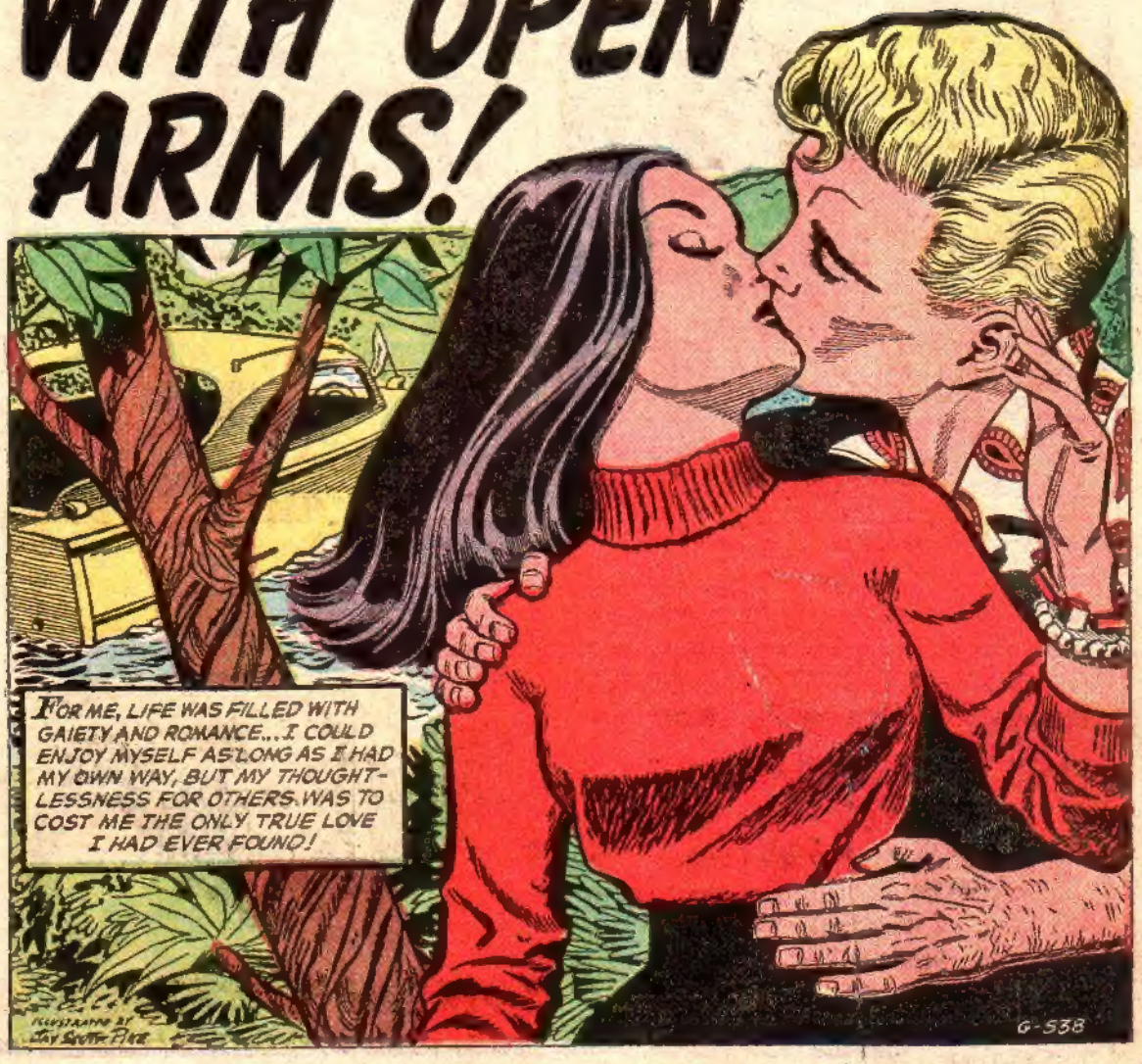
WITH OPEN ARMS!


FOR ME, LIFE WAS FILLED WITH GAIETY AND ROMANCE... I COULD ENJOY MYSELF AS LONG AS I HAD MY OWN WAY, BUT MY THOUGHTLESSNESS FOR OTHERS WAS TO COST ME THE ONLY TRUE LOVE I HAD EVER FOUND!
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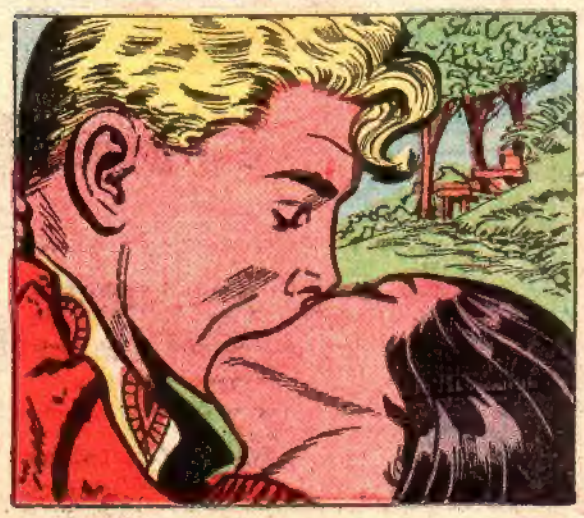
I WAS TOO SELF-CENTERED TO KNOW THE MEANING OF TRUE LOVE! PERHAPS PHIL HARVEY'S KISSES WERE SINCERE, BUT I COULDN'T TAKE THEM TOO SERIOUSLY...



PHIL SENSED MY FEELINGS! I COULD SEE THE HURT LOOK IN HIS EYES...

NOTHING I SAY OR DO MEANS VERY MUCH TO YOU, DOES IT, GLORIA? WOULD YOU BE IMPRESSED IF I TOLD YOU I LOVED YOU VERY MUCH?
OF COURSE I WOULD, PHIL! I'D BE FLATTERED...BUT PLEASE DON'T BE SO SERIOUS!

MAYBE IT'S FUN TO YOU, GLORIA, BUT IT ISN'T TO ME! WHY CAN'T YOU BE LESS SELFISH? CAN'T YOU UNDERSTAND HOW I FEEL ABOUT YOU?
WE'LL TALK ABOUT IT LATER, PHIL! LET'S JOIN THE OTHERS!
WHERE'S PHIL? WE'VE GOT TO HURRY BACK, IF WE WANT TO DRESS IN TIME FOR THE ICE SHOW TONIGHT!
I FORGOT ALL ABOUT IT! ANYWAY I DON'T WANT TO GO!
THE MUSIC PIER IS ONLY A FEW MILES UP THE RIVER! LET'S GO THERE INSTEAD AND HAVE A REALLY WONDERFUL EVENING!
ARE YOU KIDDING, GLORIA? YOU KNOW WE PLANNED FOR THE ICE SHOW! WE BOUGHT TICKETS THREE WEEKS IN ADVANCE!
I DON'T KNOW WHY I DID IT! I SUPPOSE I WANTED TO BE DIFFERENT, TO ASSERT MY WILL...
YOU CAN EXCHANGE THE TICKETS, HANK! I DON'T WANT TO BE BORED AT THE ICE SHOW! WE'RE GOING TO THE MUSIC PIER!
BUT, GLORIA...
YOU'RE DELIBERATELY RUINING A PLANNED EVENING, GLORIA! WE'VE ALL DECIDED ON THE ICE SHOW!
WE'RE GOING TO THE PIER! IT'S MY BOAT AND I HAVE THE KEYS! YOU CAN WALK OR SWIM HOME IF YOU LIKE!
THEIR FACES MADE ME STICK TO MY DECISION STUBBORNLY! I KNEW I WAS WRONG, BUT I DIDN'T CARE...
NOBODY HAD A GOOD TIME AT THE PIER INCLUDING MYSELF! BUT I REFUSED TO ADMIT IT...
WE'LL HAVE A WONDERFUL TIME AT THE PIER... MUSIC, GOOD FOOD, DANCING!
YOU MEAN YOU'LL HAVE A WONDERFUL TIME! IT DOESN'T SEEM TO MATTER TO YOU THAT THE REST OF US WERE FORCED INTO THIS!
YOU HAVEN'T UTTERED A WORD ALL EVENING, PHIL! IF I'D KNOWN HOW THIS WOULD TURN OUT..
YOU'D HAVE GONE THROUGH WITH IT ANYWAY! I THINK WE OUGHT TO GET STARTED FOR HOME! IT'S LATE!
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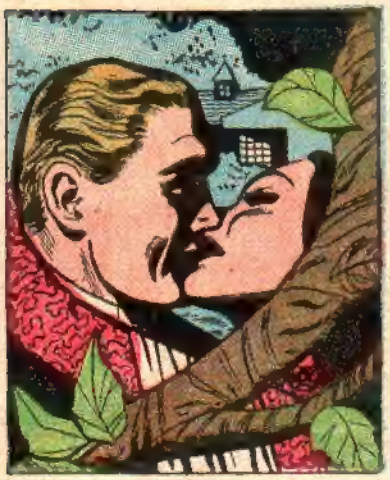
THE CITY PIER WAS LONELY WHEN WE RETURNED! IT WAS LATE AND WE GATHERED ON THE DOCK...

AND THEN I KNEW IT WAS ALL OVER BETWEEN PHIL AND MYSELF...

WILL YOU CALL ME TOMORROW, PHIL?
THERE WOULDN'T BE ANY SENSE TO IT, GLORIA! I DON'T LIKE BEING LED AROUND LIKE A PET ON A LEASH! NO... I DON'T THINK I'LL EVER CALL AGAIN!

MY PRIDE WAS HURT, BUT IT DIDN'T LAST LONG! A NEW ROMANCE BLOOMED BETWEEN LES BARTON AND MYSELF...



YOU'RE A FUNNY ONE, GLORIA! I GUESS I'VE FALLEN FOR YOU.. BUT I DON'T SEEM TO BE GETTING ANYWHERE!
DON'T BE SILLY, LES! I'M VERY FOND OF YOU! YOU DON'T EXPECT ME TO FALL HEAD OVER HEELS IN LOVE IN A FEW WEEKS, DO YOU?

WHY NOT? IT HAPPENED TO ME, DIDN'T IT? IT SEEMS AS THOUGH I'M ALWAYS "FIGHTING" YOU!
YOU'RE STILL ANGRY ABOUT MY NOT WANTING TO GO TO PLACES YOU SELECT! MAYBE I'M HEADSTRONG, LES, BUT IT'S FUN HAVING MY OWN WAY!

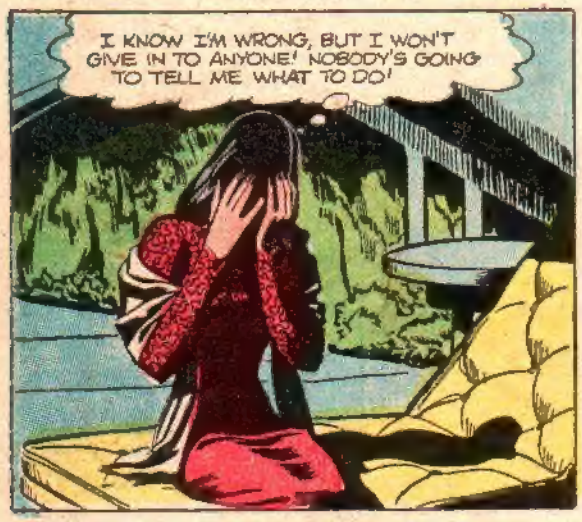
WELL, CONGRATULATE US! WE JUST ANNOUNCED OUR ENGAGEMENT!
ISN'T IT WONDERFUL? WE'RE GOING TO THE TERRACE CLUB TO CELEBRATE, AND YOU'RE INVITED!

THAT'S GREAT NEWS! COME ON, GLORIA, LET'S PACK INTO MY CAR AND GO ALONG!
DON'T MAKE PLANS FOR ME, LES! I'VE GOT A MIND OF MY OWN, AND I DON'T FEEL LIKE GOING TO THE TERRACE CLUB! LET'S GO TO EL BACCO INSTEAD!

WE WERE COUNTING ON YOUR COMING ALONG, GLORIA! MAYBE YOU DON'T LIKE THE CLUB, BUT WE ALREADY MADE RESERVATIONS, AND...
THEN GO, DOUG! COME ON, LES, YOU AND I CAN GO TO EL BACCO!

SO I HAD MY OWN WAY AGAIN, BUT IT WAS BEGINNING TO HURT! I WATCHED THEM GO AND THEN FELT LIKE CRYING...

A VOICE SOUNDED BEHIND ME! I LOOKED THROUGH TEAR-FILLED EYES AND SAW A HANDSOME FACE...



IF IT'S SOMEONE ELSE YOU'RE CRYING FOR, THEY'RE NOT WORTH THE TEARS! IF YOU'RE FEELING SORRY FOR YOURSELF, BETTER SAVE 'EM!
WHAT! I DON'T NEED YOUR ADVICE!

EASY TO GIVE... HARD TO TAKE! I WAS ONLY MAKING TALK, MISS WALES! ACTUALLY I NEED IT MORE THAN YOU! GREG PHELPS IS MY NAME!
IF YOU DON'T MIND, I'LL BE RUNNING ALONG!

I LIKED HIM AT ONCE, BUT I DIDN'T WANT TO ADMIT IT TO MYSELF OR TO HIM IN ANY WAY...

THIS IS AN ALUMNUS PARTY, AND I'M AN ALUMNUS OF STRADMORE! THAT GIVES ME THE RIGHT TO INVITE YOU TO EL BACCO!
YOU HEARD THE ARGUMENT! ALL RIGHT, MR. PHELPS, LET'S MAKE IT EL BACCO!

EL BACCO WAS WONDERFUL, AND SO WAS GREG PHELPS! A NEW FEELING SURGED THROUGH ME...ONE I HAD NEVER EXPERIENCED BEFORE...

IN SPITE OF A RUDE BEGINNING, I'M ENJOYING MYSELF! I'VE HEARD A LOT ABOUT YOU, GLORIA!

AM I WORSE THAN THE GOSSIP PICTURED ME?

BEING A STUBBORN GUY MYSELF, I WAS CURIOUS ABOUT YOU! NONE OF US CAN AFFORD TO CRITICIZE HIS NEIGHBOR! I LIKE YOU, GLORIA!

AND I RETURN THE COMPLIMENT, GREG!

THAT WAS THE BEGINNING OF A NEW LIFE FOR ME! I KNEW NOW WHAT REAL LOVE WAS! MY HEART BELONGED TO GREG PHELPS...

WEEKS PASSED AND MY LOVE FOR GREG GREW DEEPER! I WAS STILL STUBBORN, BUT HE HAD A KNACK OF TAKING THE STING OUT OF MY NATURE...

LOOK, GLORIA...IT'S SIMPLE! WE PLANNED THE EVENING YESTERDAY! IF YOU WANT TO CHANGE THE PLANS, LEAVE ME OUT!

ALL RIGHT, IF THAT'S THE WAY YOU FEEL!

HE WAS WALKING AWAY... CALM, UNRUFFLED! IT INFURIATED ME, BUT I COULDN'T LOSE GREG OVER A FOOLISH QUARREL! FOR THE FIRST TIME IN MY LIFE, I GAVE IN...

GREG! WAIT...

I LOVE YOU, DARLING, MORE THAN I CAN SAY! THANKS FOR GIVING IN! NOW I KNOW WE'LL MAKE THE GRADE!

I DO LOVE YOU, GREG, WITH ALL MY HEART!

GREG AND I WERE ENGAGED TO BE MARRIED! OUR LIFE WAS SMOOTH AND UNDISTURBED UNTIL THE FIRST SERIOUS CRISIS AROSE...

BUT I DON'T UNDERSTAND, GREG! WHY CAN'T YOU JUST STAY ON IN THIS POSITION? WHY SHOULD WE HAVE TO MOVE TO ANOTHER STATE?

BECAUSE MY JOB AND MY FUTURE CALLS FOR IT! IT'S AN OPPORTUNITY I CAN'T AFFORD TO MISS! WHAT DIFFERENCE DOES IT MAKE, AS LONG AS WE'RE TOGETHER?

I CAN'T GIVE UP MY FRIENDS, MY HOME, MY ENVIRONMENT JUST LIKE THAT!
THERE WILL BE NEW FRIENDS AND A NEW ENVIRONMENT! YOU'LL ADJUST TO IT! IF YOU LOVE ME, THERE WOULDN'T BE ANY QUESTION ABOUT IT!

THE OLD, UNREASONING REBELLION WELLED UP IN ME! I HAD TO HAVE MY WAY REGARDLESS OF ALL OTHER CONSIDERATIONS..

I WALKED OUT! I THOUGHT I'D FORGET HIM.. LEARN TO LIVE WITHOUT HIM. BUT IT DIDN'T WORK..

PRIDE KEPT ME FROM CALLING GREG! MY BOUNDLESS LOVE FOR HIM CONFLICTED WITH MY STUBBORNNESS! THEN I WEAKENED..

MY WALL OF RESISTANCE CRACKED! THE LOVE I HAD FOR GREG PHELPS BURST THROUGH..

IN THE NEXT INSTANT, I WAS IN HIS ARMS, CLINGING WITH ALL MY MIGHT TO THE ONE MAN I EVER LOVED..

OH, GREG, FORGIVE ME! I'LL GO ANY PLACE WITH YOU, BUT FORGIVE ME!
THERE'S NOTHING TO FORGIVE, DARLING! I WAITED FOR YOU...I HAD FAITH IN OUR LOVE! THIS WAS A SORT OF TRIAL FOR US BOTH! WE'VE BOTH WON!

I FOUGHT THAT STUBBORN STREAK TO A FINISH, GREG! I WANT TO BE WITH YOU ALWAYS!
YOU WILL BE, DARLING! WE'LL BE MARRIED BEFORE WE LEAVE, AND NEVER BE APART AGAIN!
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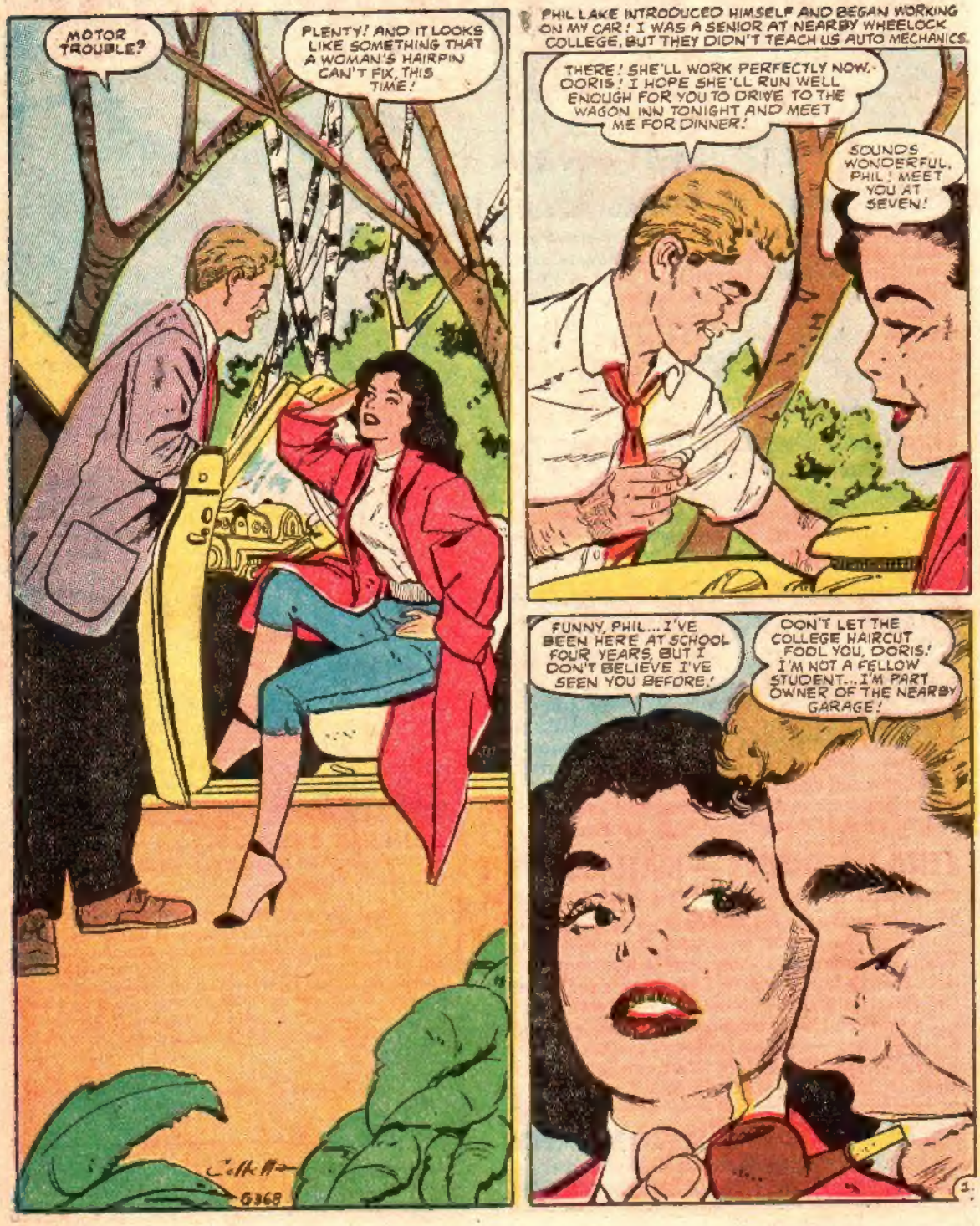
MY OWN TRUE LOVE!


MOTOR TROUBLE?
PLENTY! AND IT LOOKS LIKE SOMETHING THAT A WOMAN'S HAIRPIN CAN'T FIX, THIS TIME!
PHIL LAKE INTRODUCED HIMSELF AND BEGAN WORKING ON MY CAR! I WAS A SENIOR AT NEARBY WHEELOCK COLLEGE, BUT THEY DIDN'T TEACH US AUTO MECHANICS.
THERE! SHE'LL WORK PERFECTLY NOW, DORIS! I HOPE SHE'LL RUN WELL ENOUGH FOR YOU TO DRIVE TO THE WAGON INN TONIGHT AND MEET ME FOR DINNER!
SOUNDS WONDERFUL, PHIL! MEET YOU AT SEVEN!
FUNNY, PHIL... I'VE BEEN HERE AT SCHOOL FOUR YEARS, BUT I DON'T BELIEVE I'VE SEEN YOU BEFORE!
DON'T LET THE COLLEGE HAIRCUT FOOL YOU, DORIS! I'M NOT A FELLOW STUDENT... I'M PART OWNER OF THE NEARBY GARAGE!
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AS I DRESSED FOR MY DATE, I TOLD PEGGY ABOUT PHIL...

A GREASE MONKEY! YOU MEAN YOU'RE ACTUALLY GOING OUT WITH HIM!

OF COURSE! HE SEEMS LIKE A NICE FELLOW AND HE DOES KEEP MY CAR!

PAY HIM HIS REGULAR GARAGE FEE AND CALL IT OFF! AFTER ALL, YOU DID THINK HE WAS ONE OF THE STUDENTS HERE!

IF I CALLED IT OFF HE'D KNOW THE REASON AND I DON'T WANT TO HURT HIM! BESIDES HE MIGHT BE A VERY CHARMING DATE!

WITH PEGGY'S SCORNFUL REMARKS STILL RINGING IN MY EARS, I MET PHIL...

I WAS ALMOST AFRAID YOU WEREN'T COMING! BUT I GIVE ANY GIRL FIFTEEN MINUTES LEEWAY, AND YOU WERE ONLY LATE BY FIVE!

WHICH MEANS I'VE BEEN MINUTES HUNGRIER!

The Way

PHIL MAY NOT HAVE HAD THE BENEFITS OF A COLLEGE EDUCATION, BUT HE WAS WELL-MANNERED AND A GAY TALKER

WE DON'T HAVE TO ORDER STEAK

LET ME WORRY ABOUT THE PRICES! THAT'S ONE ADVANTAGE I HAVE OVER YOUR FELLOW STUDENTS... I'M NOT DEPENDENT ON AN ALLOWANCE FROM HOME, AND I KNOW WHEN MY MONEY'S WELL SPENT!

WHEN I HAD THE CHANCE TO GO THROUGH COLLEGE!

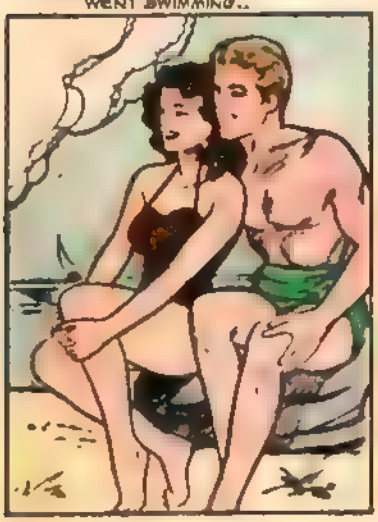
...MIND, IF YOU HAD A TERM PAPER DUE IN TWO DAYS, AS I DO!

PHIL WAS AN ENTIRELY DIFFERENT DATE FROM MY USUAL COLLEGE CHUMS! HE WAS ALREADY FIGHTING TO MAKE HIS PLACE IN THE WORLD, AND THAT ADDED A WORLDLY MATURITY THAT NO TEXTBOOK COULD GIVE A MAN

TWO MINUTES TO ELEVEN! WE'VE GOT YOUR CURFEW BEATEN

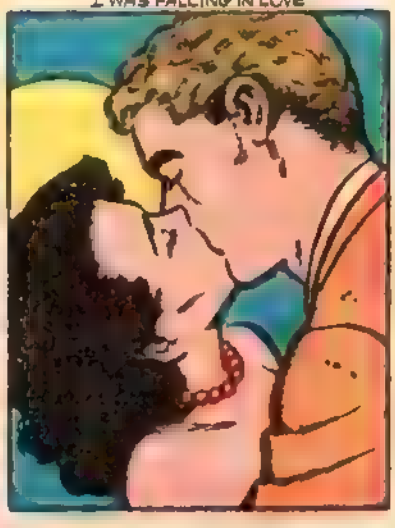
AS THE CAMPUS CLOCK CHIMED, OUR LIPS MET IN A SUDDEN, TENDER KISS...

THAT WEEK END WHILE THE WARM WEATHER HELD OUT, PHIL AND I WENT SWIMMING..

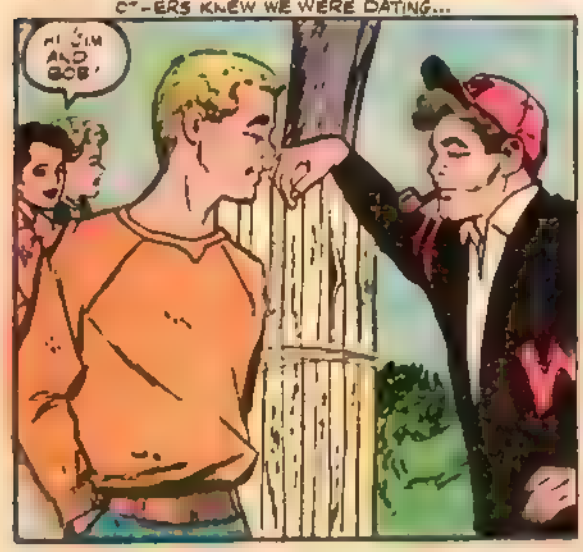


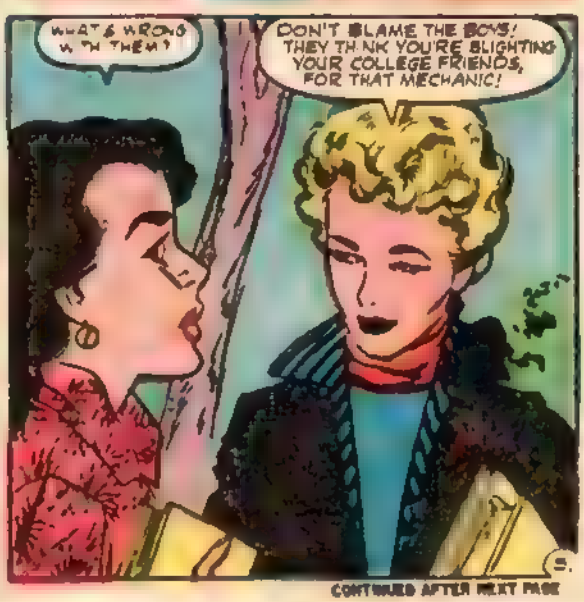
AND TWO NIGHTS LATER, WE DATED AGAIN

ONCE MORE, I THRILLED TO HIS GOOD NIGHT KISS, AND I BEGAN TO REALIZE I WAS FALLING IN LOVE



BUT PHIL AND I DIDN'T LIVE IN OUR OWN LITTLE WORLD! OTHERS KNEW WE WERE DATING...





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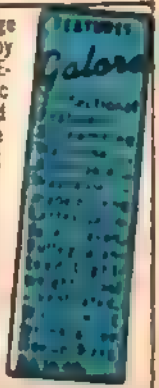

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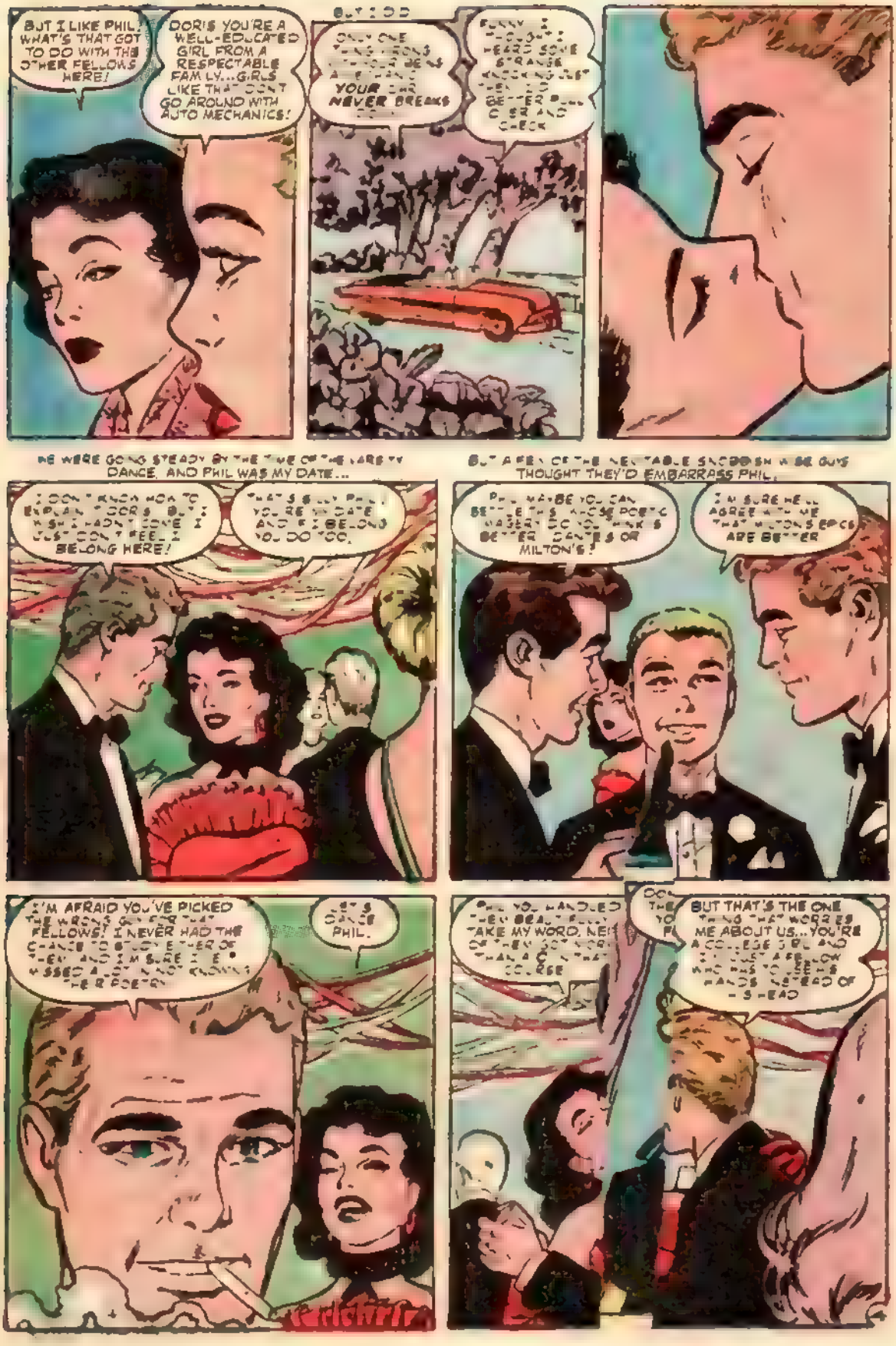
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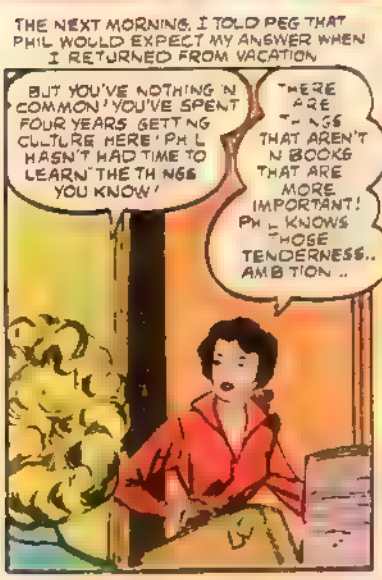
DORIS YOU'RE A WELL-EDUCATED GIRL FROM A RESPECTABLE FAMILY...GIRLS LIKE THAT DON'T GO AROUND WITH AUTO MECHANICS!
BUICK
ONLY ONE THING I DON'T LIKE ABOUT JESS AND THAT'S YOUR LINE NEVER BREAKS
FUNNY I THOUGHT I HEARD SOME STRANGE KNOCKING JUST THEN...I'D BETTER BLOW OVER AND CHECK
WE WERE GOING STEADY BY THE TIME OF THE LARGEY DANCE, AND PHIL WAS MY DATE...
I DON'T KNOW HOW TO EXPLAIN IT DORIS BUT I WISH I HADN'T COME I JUST DON'T FEEL I BELONG HERE!
THAT'S SILLY PHIL YOU'RE MY DATE AND IF I BELONG YOU DO TOO.
BUT A FEW OF THE INEVITABLE SNOBBISH HE GUYS THOUGHT THEY'D EMBARRASS PHIL.
PHIL MAYBE YOU CAN BETTER THIS ANCIENT POETIC MASTER DO YOU THINK HE'S BETTER DANTE OR MILTON'S?
I'M SURE HE'LL AGREE WITH ME THAT MILTON'S EPICS ARE BETTER
I'M AFRAID YOU'VE PICKED THE WRONG GUY FOR THAT FELLOWS! I NEVER HAD THE CHANCE TO STUDY EITHER OF THEM AND I'M SURE I'D HAVE MISSED A LOT NOT KNOWING THEIR POETRY
LET'S DANCE PHIL.
PHIL YOU HANDLED THEM BEAUTIFULLY TAKE MY WORD, NEITHER OF THEM GOT MORE THAN A C IN THAT COURSE
BUT THAT'S THE ONE THING THAT WORRIES ME ABOUT US...YOU'RE A COLLEGE GIRL AND I'M JUST A FELLOW WHO HAS TO USE HIS HANDS INSTEAD OF HIS HEAD

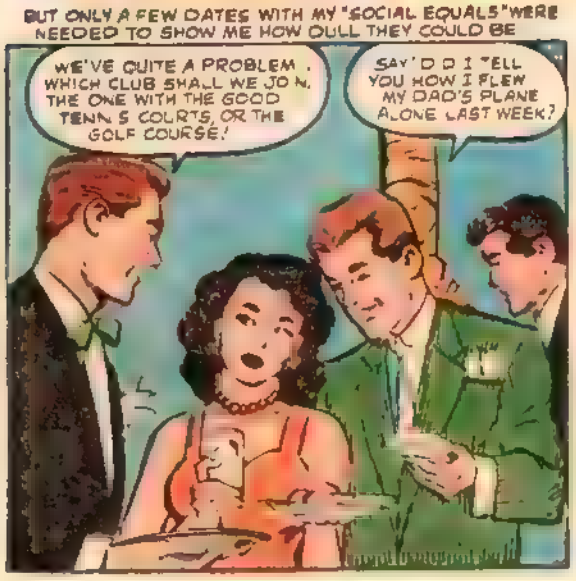
I DO HAVE AMBITIONS THOUGH ... I PLAN TO HAVE A CHAIN OF STATIONS SOMEDAY BUT SUCCESS WOULD MEAN A LOT MORE WITH YOU BY MY SIDE ... YOUR VACATION STARTS TOMORROW ... WE'LL TAKE THIS UP WHEN YOU RETURN!

I KNEW PHIL WAS STARTING TO PROPOSE BUT WE BOTH NEEDED MORE TIME TO THINK, SO I DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING THEN


THE NEXT MORNING, I TOLD PEG THAT PHIL WOULD EXPECT MY ANSWER WHEN I RETURNED FROM VACATION
BUT YOU'VE NOTHING IN COMMON! YOU'VE SPENT FOUR YEARS GETTING CULTURE HERE! PHIL HASN'T HAD TIME TO LEARN THE THINGS YOU KNOW!
THERE ARE THINGS THAT AREN'T IN BOOKS THAT ARE MORE IMPORTANT! PHIL KNOWS THOSE TENDERNESS.. AMBITION ..

YOU'RE TRYING TO PROVE THAT YOU'RE NOT A SNOB! YOU'RE JUST GOING THIS TO SHOW HOW [illegible] YOU ARE ... SILLIEST GIRL I'VE MET AND I'M REPUDIATED!

PEG'S WORDS DID CARRY SOME WEIGHT! I THOUGHT ABOUT THEM WHILE ON VACATION DATING OTHER MEN.
MAYBE I AM JUST TRYING TO SHOW HOW DEMOCRATIC I AM! PHIL'S THE ONLY WORKING FELLOW I'VE EVER DATED!


BUT ONLY A FEW DATES WITH MY "SOCIAL EQUALS" WERE NEEDED TO SHOW ME HOW DULL THEY COULD BE
WE'VE QUITE A PROBLEM ... WHICH CLUB SHALL WE JOIN, THE ONE WITH THE GOOD TENNIS COURTS, OR THE GOLF COURSE!
SAY! DID I TELL YOU HOW I FLEW MY DAD'S PLANE ALONE LAST WEEK?

ALONE I REALIZED HOW MUCH I MISSED PHIL! HIS TALK NEVER DESCENDED TO THE LEVEL OF NONSENSE! HE'D SEEN TOO MUCH OF LIFE TO TAKE IT LIGHTLY ..
BUT WOULD SUCH A MARRIAGE WORK? AM I IN LOVE.. OR JUST TRYING TO PROVE, BY MARRYING A MECHANIC, THAT I AM NOT A SNOB?

I WENT TO BED BROOD'NG OVER THE PROBLEM, AND IN THE MORNING, I WAS STILL THINKING ABOUT IT

MAYBE PEG CAN SEE WHAT I CAN'T SEE ABOUT MYSELF! I MAY JUST BE ACTING STUBBORN, TRYING TO PROVE THAT A NON-COLLEGE GUY IS GOOD ENOUGH FOR ME!

WHAT IS IT, DORIS? I KNOW SOMETHING'S BEEN TROUBLING YOU SINCE YOU CAME HOME! MAYBE TELLING ME WILL HELP!

[illegible] CAN [illegible] IN LOVE OR I THINK I AM BUT IS IT WITH THE RIGHT MAN FOR ME?

I TOLD MOTHER ABOUT PHIL

WOULD SUCH A MARR AGE WORK? AM I REALLY IN [illegible]

YOU'LL HAVE TO DECIDE FOR YOURSELF IF YOU'RE IN LOVE, BUT A COLLEGE GIRL MARRYING A WORKING MAN CAN END HAPPILY!

I WENT TO A FINISHING SCHOOL . YOUR FATHER DIDN'T EVEN FINISH HIGH SCHOOL BUT AS HE FORGED AHEAD IN THE BUSINESS WORLD, HE HAD THE TIME AND MONEY NEEDED TO GAIN CULTURE! A DIFFERENCE IN EDUCATION NEVER STOOD BETWEEN US. . WE HAD THE MOST IMPORTANT TH NG OF ALL IN COMMON...LOVE!

MY PARENTS PROVED THAT TYPE OF MARRIAGE COULD WORK! THE MORE I THOUGHT ABOUT PHIL, THE MORE I KNEW THAT ONE DAY LIKE MY FATHER, HE TOO WOULD SUCCEED IN THE BUSINESS WORLD

DOR S! YOU'RE BACK

AND IF YOU'LL FINISH A QUESTION YOU STARTED TO ASK ME, I'LL BE BACK FOR ALWAYS!

PHIL SWEPT ME INTO HIS ARMS, AND OUR KISS PLEDGED OUR LOVE! I KNEW NOW THAT I TRULY LOVED HIM FOR IF I DIDN'T, I'D NEVER HAVE HAD THE FAITH TO BELIEVE THAT HE WOULD SUCCEED.

AND ON GRADUATION DAY, PHIL GAVE ME THE MOST WONDERFUL GRADUATION GIFT OF THEM ALL!

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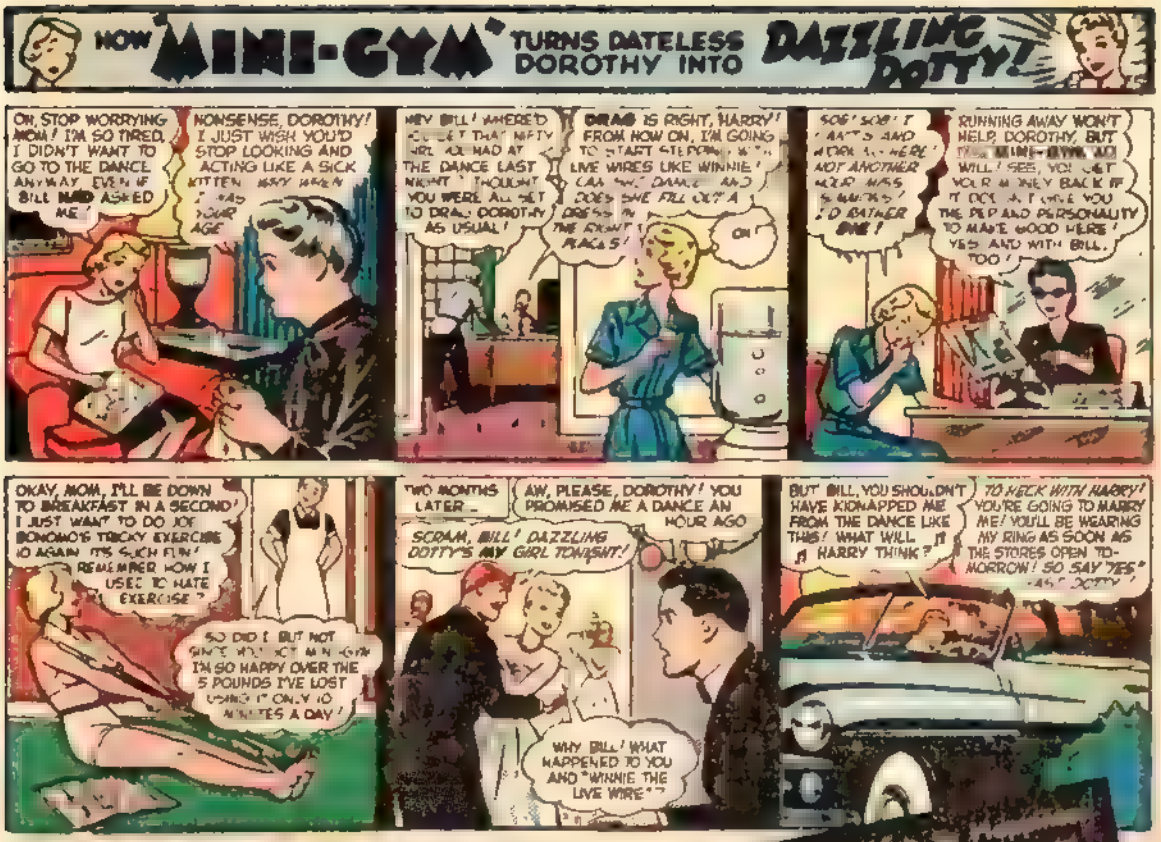
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OH, STOP WORRYING MOM! I'M SO TIRED. I DIDN'T WANT TO GO TO THE DANCE ANYWAY, EVEN IF BILL HAD ASKED ME!
NONSENSE, DOROTHY! I JUST WISH YOU'D STOP LOOKING AND ACTING LIKE A SICK KITTEN. WHY WHEN I WAS YOUR AGE
HEY BILL! WHERE'D YOU GET THAT HEFTY GIRL YOU HAD AT THE DANCE LAST NIGHT? I THOUGHT YOU WERE ALL SET TO DRAG DOROTHY AS USUAL!
DRAG IS RIGHT, HARRY! FROM NOW ON, I'M GOING TO START STEPPING WITH LIVE WIRES LIKE WINNIE! CAN SHE DANCE! AND DOES SHE FILL OUT A DRESS IN THE RIGHT PLACES!
OH!
SOS' SOS'! I AIN'T AND NEVER HAS BEEN NOT ANOTHER MOM MAS SAMPLE! I'D RATHER DIE!
RUNNING AWAY WON'T HELP, DOROTHY, BUT THE MINI-GYM AD WILL! SEE, YOU GET YOUR MONEY BACK IF IT DOESN'T GIVE YOU THE PEP AND PERSONALITY TO MAKE GOOD HERE! YES AND WITH BILL, TOO!
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WHY BILL! WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU AND "WINNIE THE LIVE WIRE"?
BUT BILL, YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE KIDNAPPED ME FROM THE DANCE LIKE THIS! WHAT WILL... IT HARRY THINK?
TO HECK WITH HARRY! YOU'RE GOING TO MARRY ME! YOU'LL BE WEARING MY RING AS SOON AS THE STORES OPEN TOMORROW! SO SAY "YES" DOTTY!

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THE blue organdie dress whispered as it crept over Kay's shoulders, and was hung gently from the hook at the top of the bridal department's three-way mirror. Kay stood there for a moment, just looking at the dream in blue, when Nancy Potter nudged her.

"C'mon, Kay, don't hog the mirror. I'm next! And Sue and Jeannie are being fitted in pale yellow in the next booth. Oh, just look at the lace on the sleeves! Isn't it heavenly?"

Kay smilingly agreed, and laughed with the bridal consultant at Nancy's enthusiasm, and her own. "I guess you're used to the hurry and the noise of excited bridesmaids when they buy their gowns, aren't you?" The woman nodded understandingly, and then went busily to work with pins and needle, as she stooped down to survey the hem on the second blue gown

"Whew!" Jean sighed, wiping her forehead. "Weddings certainly take a lot of planning . . . and perspiration. Why, I don't remember working so hard preparing for my OWN wedding last year. Tell me, Kay, did I act as crazy?"

"Oh, Kay and all the rest of us were absolutely in a tizzy for your wedding, Jean, and you well remember," said Sue Banner, taking out a compact and fixing a strand of hair that stuck out from her hat. "Especially when you pulled that fast one on us and made all the arrangements in two weeks when you found out that Harry would be leaving for the Navy in just a month. Now this just serves you right for all the perspiration you extracted from the rest of us. So there!"

Kay spoke next, puffing relaxingly on a cigarette, "Thank the stars that Sue's and Nancy's weddings gave us more time. I don't know, kids, but at this rate, I'll be a wreck before I'm 27."

"Which reminds me, Kay, darling," Sue laughed, "That will be in just another two months. Good heavens, when are YOU going to get back at all of us and take the plunge. I don't want to be your bridesmaid when I'm all grey and pastel gowns will make me look so typically grandmother-ish."

Kay knew that the teasing was bound to come. But she and the three other girls, as well as Millie, the girl for whose wedding they had just bought their gowns, had been close friends ever since high-school days, and there was no getting angry at them for their good-natured, well-meant chiding. Kay just smiled and pointed to a shop down the street

"And would you give this aging specimen of an old maid the honor of treating you to sodas at yonder ice-cream parlor. Without those household bills you kids are always beefing about, I can afford it more than anyone else in this group. Come on, girls."

The gowns were delivered on time, and the day of Millie's wedding, Kay joined the others in dressing for the event. Kay walked up the aisle alongside Jean, while Nancy and Sue followed. Kay had done that same thing many times before, a pastel dress whispering beneath her waist, a bouquet of sweetheart roses in her hands, a smile and a flush painting her face with excitement as she preceded the "bride of the hour" up the white-carpeted aisle.

And Millie's wedding was as beautiful and exciting as the three previous occasions at which Kay had been an honor attendant, the champagne tasting as wonderfully sour, the orchestra providing happy tunes for hour upon hour of dancing. Soon it was time for the bride and groom to change into traveling clothes, and Kay found herself among the handful of single girls at the foot of the staircase, while Millie stood above them, ready to toss the bouquet of flowers. She saw Millie take a deep breath, and then carefully, yes, carefully throw the flowers into the crowd of reaching hands.

There was the usual "post-mortem" of the wedding a few days later when the four girls gathered over a bridge game at Sue's apartment. It was the first time Kay had felt slightly uncomfortable in their presence. But when Sue began to speak as she brought coffee and doughnuts into the living room, Kay began to stir in her seat.

"He's simply darling," she was saying to Kay, "sorta 30-

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My Dearly Beloved, I will never send this letter, you will never read it...

I treasure those days that seem so long ago now, when we first realized that we were in love

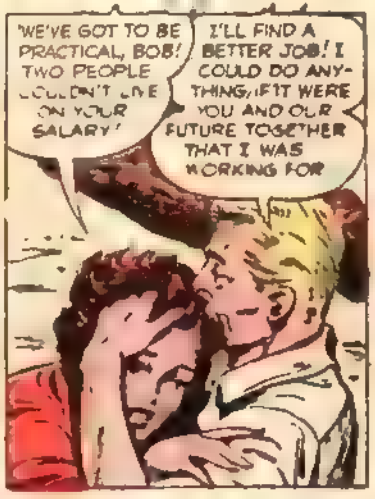
I LOVE YOU, IRENE!

AND I LOVE YOU, BOB SO MUCH!

And our first kiss that left its imprint on my heart, that even time will never erase

You liked the theatre in it's time I had never known before. You read to me from Browning and each word was like a caress

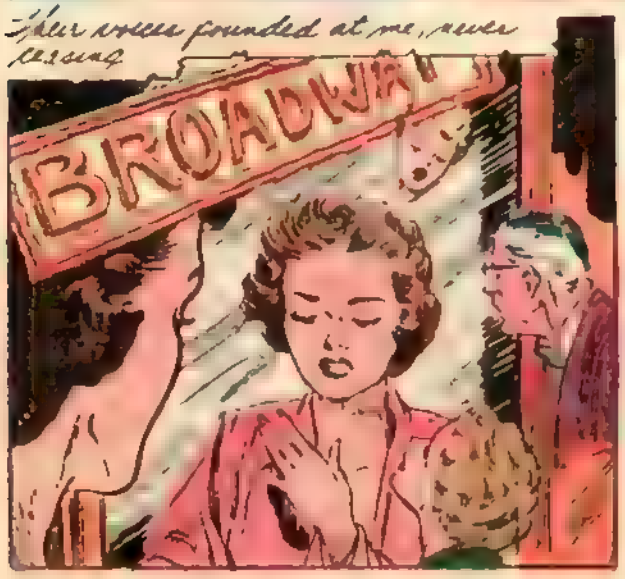
But you were poor and poor I'd be, too, for I'd stand in the way when you asked me to marry you


WE'VE GOT TO BE PRACTICAL, BOB! TWO PEOPLE COULDN'T LIVE ON YOUR SALARY!
I'LL FIND A BETTER JOB! I COULD DO ANYTHING, IF IT WERE YOU AND OUR FUTURE TOGETHER THAT I WAS WORKING FOR

And I listened to other voices. voices that plucked at the strings of my rebellion

YOU'VE GOT TALENT! YOU COULD BECOME AN ACTRESS! HE'S NOT GOOD ENOUGH FOR YOU!
YOU'RE BEAUTIFUL! DON'T THROW YOURSELF AWAY ON HIM!
HE'LL NEVER AMOUNT TO ANYTHING, YOU COULD HAVE A CAREER!
HE CAN'T SUPPORT YOU

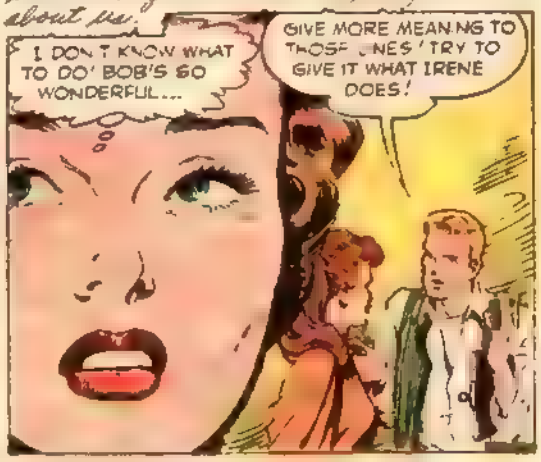
Their voices pounded at me, never ceasing



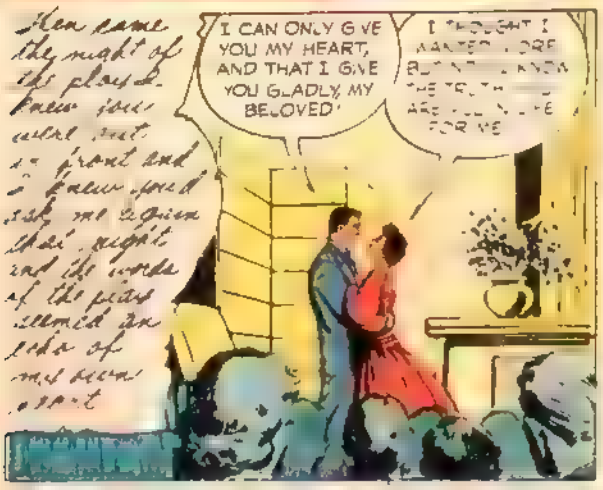
And because those voices rattled to my ego and ambition, I listened to them

The annual locally-sponsored play was announced and I read for the leading role

Rehearsals took up a great deal of my time then and gave me little time to try and make up my mind about us.



Then came the night of the play. I knew Jon was out front and I knew I could ask no more than that. I knew the words of the play seemed an echo of my own heart


I CAN ONLY GIVE YOU MY HEART, AND THAT I GIVE YOU GLADLY, MY BELOVED!
I THOUGHT I MEANT MORE BUT NOW I KNOW THE TRUTH ARE YOU MORE FOR ME

I had made up my mind & waited backstage and the congratulations were endless. It was meaning it was making love for Jon

But instead of Jon it was

MISS BARRETT, I'M MARK HASTINGS I WAS JUST PASSING THRU EN ROUTE TO NEW YORK AND STOPPED TO SEE THE PLAY! YOU WERE FINE! I BOOK TALENT FOR SHOWS! LET'S TALK ABOUT IT OVER A BITE TO EAT, SHALL WE?

He didn't forget about Jon. Those few words of praise conquered all the gladness I had longed for pushing emotion to the face

He was handsome and suave and he radiated all the things I'd ever longed for. It was easy for me to think I'd got I was in love with him

I did not write because I did not want to hurt you further until I could at least tell you that I would never come back

I read a few parts but nothing interested. Then Mark was gone for a few days on business and I faced a new decision

I'VE BEEN FOOLING MYSELF SEEING THE GLAMOUR HE REPRESENTS INSTEAD OF THE REAL MAN UNDERNEATH! I DON'T LOVE MARK I... I'LL TELL HIM WHEN HE RETURNS

I wasn't sorry the episode only made me think more frequently of you, Bob, as I made the rounds of the theatrical agencies

But it was just a small town ticket in the city sold a great talent after what happened it didn't seem to me that I could just live simply for

I came home and the first thing I learned was that you were gone

AFTER YOU LEFT BOB GOT A BIG JOB WITH AN ENGINEERING FIRM!

HE'LL NEVER COME BACK TO THIS TOWN!

And there were the voices again but this time their words were different.

YOU WERE A FOOL TO GIVE HIM UP!

YOU SHOULD'VE GRABBED HIM WHEN YOU HAD THE CHANCE! NOW IT'S TOO LATE!

HE'LL BE A BIG MAN SOMEDAY!

I knew I had lost you, and with that knowledge I realized how much I had loved you and always will. You will never read this, for I will never mail it. I will put it in between the pages of Browning's poems that you gave me so long ago and put away. Love forever, oh, my dearly beloved...

IRENE!

BOB! THEY TOLD ME YOU'D LEFT

I CAME BACK FOR YOU! I'VE MADE GOOD AS I PROMISED I WOULD! I KNEW YOU'D COME BACK TOO! I KNEW THAT A LOVE LIKE OURS COULD NEVER BE ENDED!

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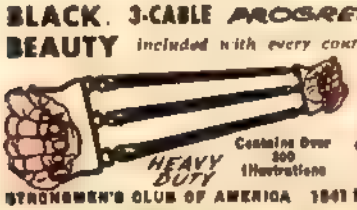

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ish, VERY distinguished, and Bill thinks he's got a stack of money. How about it, Kay, can I arrange the blind date for you?"

Then Jean spoke up, "Sure, Kay. Gosh, it's about time you began to think about settling down. If a guy's obviously looking for a wife, your ears should be perked up . . . go ahead!"

But when Kay reached home, she sat in front of her vanity mirror and looked carefully at her image. Could they be right? Am I taking this much too lightly? Perhaps I shouldn't be content with my "single bliss?" All those thoughts were in Kay's mind as she picked up the mail that was under the door. When she saw the letter from her cousin Rita, she casually opened it and read slowly. Suddenly her hand was trembling.

"Another wedding," she thought, amusedly. "Cousin Rita, asking me to be her bridesmaid! Well, I'll do it. I'll do it but I'll be darned if I'm not going to try a new approach to these weddings. If I can't hook a man at a wedding, why, where else can I do it? Kay, from now on, you're a changed woman."

Kay was in pastel again, but she was determined not to be a "pink and fluffy" bridesmaid this time, despite the gown. As she walked up the aisle, escorted by a handsome usher whose name was Jerry Franklin, she glanced frequently at the wide shoulders and the wavy, black hair that made him so handsome. At one time his eyes met hers, and she looked away uncomfortably, still not used to her new role as a "temptress". But after the ceremony, when the crowd gathered in the large hall for a reception, Kay straightened and walked deliberately toward Jerry, smiling a very sophisticated smile.

Jerry Franklin danced beautifully, and Kay found it easier with each step to look up into his handsome face without blushing. But she could hardly believe her own ears when she heard herself saying, "You're a terribly good dancer, Jerry, but don't you find these fox-trots and waltzes as dated as I do? Why, I find that the night clubs in town are much more suitable for dancing . . . there's the

mambo, and the samba, and so many more up-to-date dances to do." She felt the blush again, so she quickly looked down.

She saw the pink skirt billowing about her legs, and she hated it. She looked up again and said, "But of course you'd never believe I could like anything but a waltz in the silly old pink bridesmaid dress. I told Rita I looked much better in dramatic colors like mauve, or flame red, but she and her silly traditions about pink-and-white weddings, well you know . . ."

But she never finished the sentence. Jerry had danced her off into a deserted corner, and she gasped when she found herself in his arms.

He was whispering, "Katherine, you're the most sophisticated woman, really a woman, I've known. You're beautiful. You're right, too . . . you belong in black satin, not pink clouds. My darling, I can't help myself, for I'm bewitched . . . don't think I'm mad when I insist we go away this very moment and get married. I know a justice of the peace in the next city . . . don't say anything but 'yes', beloved . . . I want to take you in my arms and kiss you, like this . . ."

Kay pulled away, alarmed. "I . . . well, I mean, you can't really know what you're . . . oh, darn, what I mean to say, is . . ." All at once Kay was disturbed to find that she'd carried her role too far. Why, he actually scared her . . . why had she played up to him like she did? Then a loud sound made her look up. Why, Jerry Franklin was laughing, and was almost doubled up with amusement.

"Don't l-look so scared, Kay," he was laughing. "Ha, I never saw a more frightened animal than you when I said what I did. Do you think I'm blind? Or dumb? I know when sophistication is real, and when a girl belongs in pink clouds. You're the second class, Kay, and don't try to be any different, or I won't take you home from the wedding and date you for the next hundred years after that. Understand?"

And Kay understood perfectly. She had been right all the time, and it had been silly and infantile to try to be anything she wasn't. She knew then that the expression, "Always the bridesmaid", wasn't so terrible, and that it didn't have to end, ". . . never the bride!"

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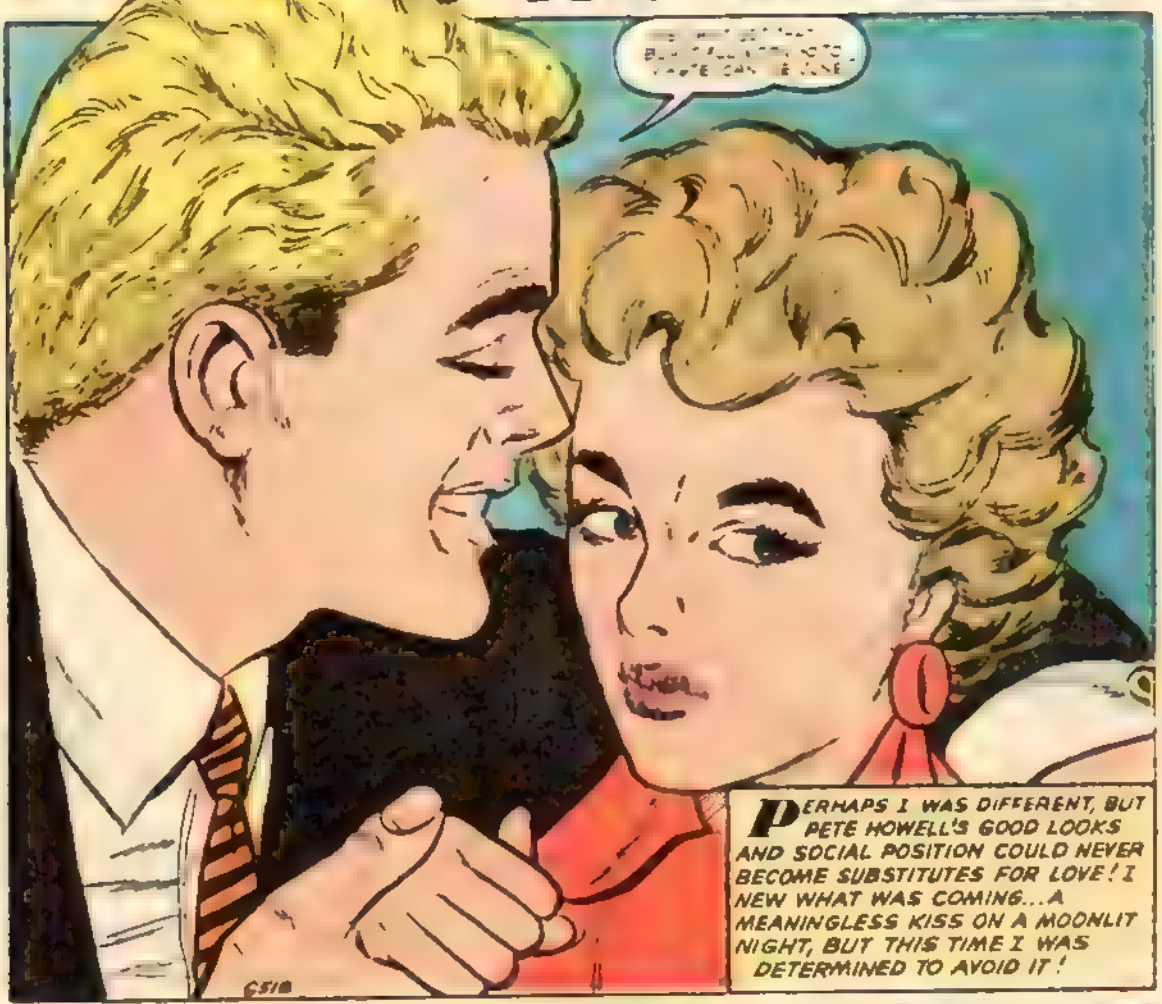
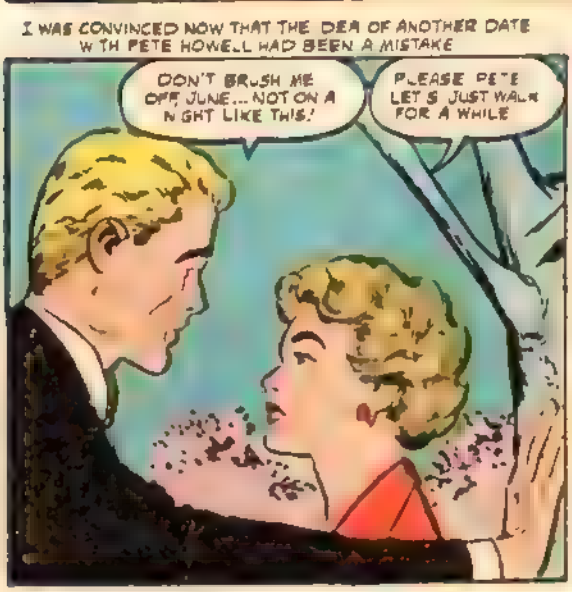
THE NIGHT WE KISSED!


PERHAPS I WAS DIFFERENT, BUT PETE HOWELL'S GOOD LOOKS AND SOCIAL POSITION COULD NEVER BECOME SUBSTITUTES FOR LOVE! I NEW WHAT WAS COMING...A MEANINGLESS KISS ON A MOONLIT NIGHT, BUT THIS TIME I WAS DETERMINED TO AVOID IT!


I WAS CONVINCED NOW THAT THE IDEA OF ANOTHER DATE WITH PETE HOWELL HAD BEEN A MISTAKE
DON'T BRUSH ME OFF, JUNE... NOT ON A NIGHT LIKE THIS!
PLEASE PETE LET'S JUST WALK FOR A WHILE

OKAY, YOU WIN! I LOSE WITH A SMILE, JUNE, AND IN MY OWN PECULIAR WAY I LOVE YOU
I DON'T THINK YOU DO, PETE! I'M JUST ANOTHER DATE TO YOU... JUST ANOTHER NAME IN YOUR DATE BOOK!
FORGET IT! IT'S STILL EARLY! LET'S DRIVE OVER TO THAT LITTLE CLUB NEAR THE SHORE
ALL RIGHT, PETE!
I'D NEVER BEEN THERE BEFORE . A CHARMING LITTLE CLUB WITH A WONDERFULLY INTIMATE ATMOSPHERE, CALLED 'THE SURF"...
NICE LITTLE PLACE HUH? I TAKE ONLY MY FAVORITE GALS HERE! LET'S DANCE, JUNE!
A "FAVORITE" GAL CAN'T REFUSE!
I NOTICED PETE'S EYES WANDERING TO A STUNNING BLONDE ALONE AT A TABLE! I SENSED THEY HAD NEVER MET BEFORE...
YOU SEEM TO HAVE SOME FRIENDS AT THE CLUB PETE
WHAT? OH...YOU MEAN THE BLOND THERE? I THINK I MET HER AT A PARTY; LET'S SEE IF I'M RIGHT!
HIS NEXT MOVE WAS SWIFT! I WAS BEING INTRODUCED TO PETE'S NEW INTEREST...
I WAS RIGHT, JUNE I DID MEET MISS CASS TYLER 'N TOWN! WE CAN'T LET CASS SIT ALONE ALL EVENING!
YOU DON'T HAVE TO WAIT LONG. DID YOU MISS TYLER? PETE IS VERY OBLIGING!
JUNE WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
HOME! I DON'T WANT TO SPOIL YOUR EVENING!
YOU'RE BEHAVING LIKE A CHILD! YOU CAN'T GET HOME FROM HERE! IT'S MILES...
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT PETE! YOU'D BETTER GET BACK TO THE TABLE, BEFORE MISS TYLER DECIDES TO CHANGE PARTNERS!
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THE NIGHT WAS COOL AND LONELY! I LOOKED ABOUT IN DESPERATION, ANGER SEETHING INSIDE ME.
A CAB WOULDN'T COME OUT THIS FAR. NO USE EVEN CALLING! I'LL TRY WALKING!
PARKING
I STARTED DOWN THE ROAD, WHEN A VOICE CALLED BEHIND ME
JUST A MINUTE, MISS!
WHAT . ?
THERE WAS A STRONG NOTE OF SINCERITY IN HIS VOICE AND IT WAS MATCHED BY HIS FACE...
I'M JIM TREMONT! WE DON'T LIKE OUR PATRONS WALKING HOME OR LEAVING THE CLUB UNHAPPY! IT WOULD GIVE ME PLEASURE TO SEE YOU SAFELY HOME!
THANK YOU, MR. TREMONT! I DON'T WANT TO BOTHER YOU!
HOW DID YOU KNOW ?
I SAW YOU WHEN YOU CAME IN! I ALSO SAW THAT UNPLEASANT EPISODE INSIDE! MY CAR'S RIGHT OVER HERE!
HE DROVE SLOWLY, TALKING IN A PLEASANT VOICE ABOUT THE CLUB, PATRONS AND THINGS IN GENERAL! I LIKED JIM TREMONT AT ONCE...
. SO I OPENED THIS NEW CLUB AND BUSINESS FLOURISHED! I LIKE PEOPLE... THAT'S THE SECRET OF SUCCESS IN THIS BUSINESS! ARE YOU AND THAT CHAP JUST FRIENDS, OR...
JUST FAMILY FRIENDS! YOU KNOW HOW THOSE THINGS ARE... FAMILY TIES, SAME SCHOOLS AND SOCIAL GROUPS
WE WERE HOME BEFORE I KNEW IT, AND SOMEHOW I WAS SORRY THE RIDE HADN'T BEEN LONGER...
I HOPE YOUR EVENING WASN'T COMPLETELY SPOILED! WE LIKE OUR PATRONS TO COME BACK TO THE CLUB, SO DON'T LEAVE WITH HARSH MEMORIES!
IT'S BEEN A REALLY WONDERFUL EVENING! AND YOU HAVEN'T LOST A PATRON!
DON'T THINK ME FORWARD, BUT I'D LIKE TO SEE YOU AGAIN AT THE CLUB! I PROMISE MY UNDIVIDED ATTENTION... AND A RIDE HOME, IF YOU COME ALONE!
I CAN'T RESIST SUCH A GUARANTEED INVITATION! I'LL BE THERE!
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THAT WAS THE BEGINNING OF A FRIENDSHIP WITH JIM TREMONT WHICH INEVITABLY RIPENED INTO LOVE. HE WAS SINCERE, UNDERSTANDING
BUT, JUNE...YOU'RE OLD ENOUGH TO DO THE THINGS YOU WANT! I CAN'T UNDERSTAND WHY YOUR OLDER SISTER SHOULD
SHEILA WAS JILTED BY A FELLOW WHO WAS NOT OF OUR GROUP, SO SHE'S BITTER! SHE THINKS SHE KNOWS WHAT'S BEST FOR ME!
SHEILA SAYS I STICK TO THE MEN OF OUR SOCIAL GROUP SO THAT SOMETHING LIKE WHAT HAPPENED TO ME!
LET'S NOT WORRY ABOUT IT DARLING WHEN SHE KNOWS HOW MUCH I LOVE YOU, SHE'LL CHANGE HER MIND
I LOVE YOU DEEPLY DARLING I'VE WAITED A HUNDRED GIRLS COME THROUGH THOSE DOORS BUT I THINK I LOVED YOU FROM THE MOMENT I SAW YOU.
I DON'T KNOW WHEN I STARTED LOVING YOU, BUT I DO IT WITH ALL MY HEART.
I WAS IN HIS ARMS AND MY WORLD WAS COMPLETE. OUR LIPS MET AND I KNEW THIS WAS THE MOST WONDERFUL NIGHT OF MY LIFE... THE NIGHT WE KISSED...
FROM THAT TIME ON JIM AND I WERE TOGETHER CONSTANTLY
WHAT ABOUT MY OWN DREAMS SHEILA? CAN'T YOU UNDERSTAND THAT STICKING TO OUR OWN SOCIAL GROUP MEANS NOTHING TO ME?
IF YOU HADN'T ALWAYS FELT THIS WAY YOU WOULD HAVE FOUND A WONDERFUL MAN AND BEEN MARRIED BY NOW!
I'M JUST HELPING YOU SEE THAT THIS SILLY ROMANCE WILL LEAVE YOU UNHAPPY! BETTER TAKE MY ADVICE
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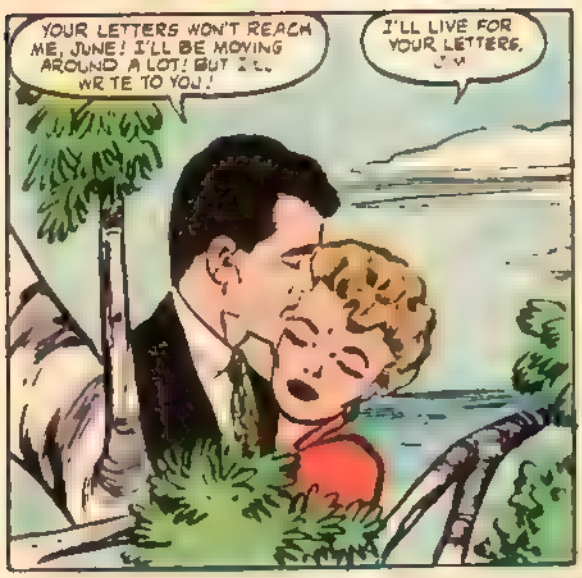
SHE WON'T CHANGE ME, JIM! NOTHING IN THE WORLD CAN STOP ME FROM LOVING YOU!
EVERYTHING'S GOING TO BE ALL RIGHT, DARLING! SHE'LL COME AROUND TO OUR WAY OF THINKING YOU'LL SEE

I'VE GOT TO GO AWAY ON BUSINESS! I'LL BE GONE ABOUT A MONTH BUT THAT MONTH WILL GIVE US TIME TO DECIDE EVERYTHING!
A MONTH? I'LL BE HERE YEARS WRITE DARLING EVERY DAY.


YOUR LETTERS WON'T REACH ME, JUNE! I'LL BE MOVING AROUND A LOT! BUT I'LL WRITE TO YOU!
I'LL LIVE FOR YOUR LETTERS, JIM

HIS KISS TOLD ME NOTHING COULD EVER PART US OR CHANGE OUR LOVE.

JIM LEFT, AND A STRANGE FEAR OVERCAME ME AS THE DAYS PASSED! THERE WERE NO LETTERS!
NO LETTER AGAIN TODAY! I SUPPOSE HE'S TOO BUSY TO WRITE. BUT HE COULD DROP A LINE... A SHORT CARD!

FORGET HIM JUNE! PETE HOWELL HAS BEEN CALLING CONSTANTLY TO GO OUT WITH HIM. HE HAS HIS FAULTS, BUT HE LOVES YOU!
PETE HOWELL NEVER LOVED ANYONE IN HIS LIFE BUT HIMSELF!

A MONTH PASSED! THE HURT WAS DEEPER THAN EVER! FINALLY I BEGAN GOING OUT WITH PETE HOWELL AGAIN.
YOU HAVEN'T HEARD A WORD I SAID JUNE! I ASKED YOU TO MARRY ME
EXCUSE ME PETE! I DIDN'T HEAR YOU!

SO PETE HOWELL AND I BECAME ENGAGED! I GAVE UP IN DESPAIR NEITHER CARING NOR THINKING OF ANYTHING BUT MY SHATTERED LOVE FOR JIM...

GET DRESSED IN A HURRY, HONEY! I'LL PICK YOU UP IN AN HOUR OR SO!

I'LL BE READY PETE!

I'M GOING IN, MR. JODD... I'LL TAKE THE LETTERS

HELLO MISS DALY! NICE DAY!

MY EYE FELL ON ONE LETTER ADDRESSED TO ME! I TORE IT OPEN QUICKLY! IT WAS FROM JIM

MR. JUDD, HAVE THERE BEEN ANY OTHER LETTERS FOR ME IN THE PAST WEEKS TAKEN FROM THE PARTY MR. TREVOR?

MMM!! COME TO THINK OF IT, THERE HAVE, MISS DALY. I NOTICED THE POSTMARKS AND THE SAME NAME YOUR SISTER TOOK THEM!

THE PATTERN BECAME CLEAR! I DON'T WASTE TIME TALKING TO SHEILA! I WAS IN THE CAR RUSHING TO THE CLUB...

IT ISN'T TOO LATE! MY LOVE HAS NEVER CHANGED FOR JIM! HE'LL BE THERE WAITING!

BUT THE PLACE WAS DESERTED WHEN I ARRIVED... AS FORLORN AS MY HEART...

TOO LATE! OH, JIM, IT WASN'T MY FAULT! YOUR LETTERS WERE DESTROYED! I DIDN'T KNOW

THE SURF

FOR SALE

I WALKED AROUND TO THE BACK FOR A LAST LOOK AT THE SPOT WHERE WE FIRST KISSED!

J.M! JIM, DARLING!

HE HELD ME CLOSE, WHILE I TOLD HIM HOW MY SISTER HAD INTERCEPTED HIS LETTERS. HOW I HAD GIVEN UP ALL HOPE OF SEEING HIM AGAIN

I UNDERSTAND MY DARLING... IT'S OVER NOW! WE'RE TOGETHER AGAIN AND NOTHING WILL EVER PART US!

NO NOTHING... AS LONG AS I AM IN YOUR ARMS

The End

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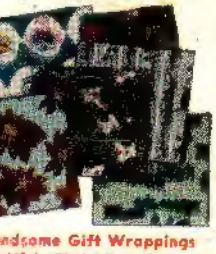

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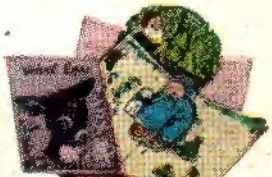

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